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Meeting Minutes Tax Abatement Committee

Tuesday, November 27, 2018

5:45 PM

Aldermanic Chambers

Aldermanic Notice New Haven

The Tax Abatement Committee will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at 5:45 P.M. in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church St., New Haven, to act upon the following items;

1. [LM-2018-0539](#) ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF SAINT MARY'S UNISON BAPTIST CHURCH, LOCATED AT 24 KOSSUTH STREET, TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER 19225.
This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders
2. [LM-2018-0535](#) ORDER ABATING (DEFERRING COLLECTION OF) REAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE FROM YOUSUFU AND MIKIRI SHERIFF ON THEIR RESIDENCE KNOWN AS 25 STEVENS STREET, GRAND LISTS OF 2015, 2016 AND 2017.
This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders
3. [LM-2018-0545](#) LEAVE TO WITHDRAW ORDER ASSISTING CITY LIGHTS AUTO SALES, ON COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT PROPERTY TAXES FOR THEIR EQUIPMENT LOCATED AT 185 GRAND AVENUE, ACCOUNT NUMBER 741150.
This Order was Given Leave To Withdrawto the Board of Alders
4. [LM-2018-0536](#) ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF JEREMY MORTON ON HIS MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 935742, 935743, AND 85158.
This Order was No Action
5. [LM-2018-0537](#) ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF ALICE FOSKEY ON HER MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 893392, 921798, AND 930112.
This Order was No Action
6. [LM-2018-0392](#) ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF JULIA L. RODRIGUEZ ON HER MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER 736643.
This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders
7. [LM-2018-0538](#) ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF CHAZ JONES ON HIS MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 644918, 662099, 644919, 662101, 644919, AND 662100

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

8. [LM-2018-0540](#)

ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF CAROLYN CARRINGTON ON HER MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 597381 AND 614527.

This Order was No Action

9. [LM-2018-0541](#)

ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF BENJAMIN JANEY ON HIS MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 602414 AND 620372.

This Order was No Action

10. [LM-2018-0546](#)

ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF VERLINE WOODHOUSE ON HER MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 535367, 554972, AND 403024.

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This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

11. [LM-2018-0342](#)

LEAVE TO WITHDRAW ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF KATHERINE BONNELL ON HER MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 950242 AND 55345.

This Order was Given Leave To Withdrawto the Board of Alders

12. [LM-2018-0584](#)

LEAVE TO WITHDRAW ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF TOLGA KAYA ON HIS MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER 763852.

This Order was Given Leave To Withdrawto the Board of Alders

13. [LM-2018-0586](#)

ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF TINA HARRISON ON HER MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 507581, 618240, 526102, AND 543486.

This Order was No Action

14. [LM-2018-0589](#)

ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF LACOLE FLOYD ON HER MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 712975 AND 728805.

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

15. [LM-2018-0593](#)

ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF ANTHONY ALVARADO ON HIS MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER 653990.

UC @ BOA 12/03/18

This Order was Favorable Reportto the Board of Alders

16. [LM-2018-0594](#)

LEAVE TO WITHDRAW ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES

OF JUSTIN WENTWORTH ON HIS MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER 312842.

This Order was Given Leave To Withdraw to the Board of Alders

For Committee Action Only

17. [LM-2018-0559](#) ORDER ABATING (DEFERRING COLLECTION OF) REAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE FROM STEPHANIE P. CONSIGLIO HER RESIDENCE KNOWN AS 23 HUNTINGTON ROAD, GRAND LIST OF 2017.

This Order was Favorable Report to the Board of Alders

18. [LM-2018-0533](#) ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF FELIX RAYAS ON HIS MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER 513934.

UC @ BOA 12/03/18

This Order was Favorable Report to the Board of Alders

These items are filed with the City Clerk and may be inspected at Room 202, 200 Orange St., New Haven. Per order: Hon. Ernie Santiago, Chair. Attest: Michael Smart, City Clerk.

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Meeting Minutes

Alder Santiago called the meeting to order at 5: p.m., November 27, 2018 in the Aldermanic Chamber, 165 Church Street, New Haven. Present were Aids. Santiago, DeCola, Antunes, Douglas, Ortiz, and Winters.

1. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF SAINT MARY'S BAPTIST UNISON BAPTIST CHURCH, LOCATED AT 24 KOSSUTH STREET, TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER 19225.

May Bay-Reed came before the committee and spoke concerning the request of the church. A discussion was had concerning the churches nontaxable status and the legal fees incurred by the foreclosure action taken by the City.

No other questions were asked by the committee.

2. ORDER ABATING (DEFERRING COLLECTION OF) REAL PROPERTY TAXES DUE FROM YOUSUFU AND MIKIRI SHERIFF ON THEIR RESIDENCE KNOWN AS 25 STEVENS STREET, GRAND LISTS OF 2015, 2016, AND 2017

Mister Sheriff came forward and explained his request for a tax abatement on his home.

No questions were asked by the committee.

3. ORDER ASSISTING CITY LIGHTS AUTO SALES, LOCATED AT 185 GRAND AVENUE, ON TAXES FOR COMMERCIAL EQUIPMENT ACCOUNT NUMBER 741150.

The general manager of the City of Lights garage came before the committee to explain

his request.

Donald Hayden, committee staff told the committee that the Assessor's office had reduced the equipment value and the reduced taxes. The general manager said that he would pay the taxes as reduced.

Alder Santiago explained that it was the responsibility of the business to file the declaration of worth of the business equipment each year.

No further questions were asked.

4. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF JEREMY MORTON ON HIS MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 935742, 935742, AND 85158.

Alder Santiago asked if there was anyone for this item. No one came forward, so the item was passed over.

5. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF ALICE FOSKEY ON HER MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 893392, 921798, AND 930112.

Alder Santiago asked if there was anyone for this item. No one came forward, so the item was passed over.

6. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF JULIA L. RODRIGUEZ ON HER MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER 736643.

Ms. Rodriguez came before the committee and explained her request. She gave the committee a copy of a Car Fax report for the vehicle in question.

Alder Santiago aske Maurine Villiani, City Tax Collector, to come forward. Ms. Villiani spoke on the car tax bill.

No further questions were asked.

7. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF CHAZ JONES ON HIS MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 644918, 662099, 644919, 662101, 644919, AND 62100.

Mr. Jones came before the committee to explain his request. He gave the committee a copy of a Car Fax report for the Mercedes showing how long he owned this car.

A discussion concerning what Mr. Jones could afford to pay, with the reduction of interest and the taxes on the Mercedes. Mr. Jones said that he could pay \$2,000.

No further questions were asked.

8. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF CAROLYN CARRINGTON ON HER MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 597381 AND 614527.

Ms. Carrington came before the committee and spoke on her request.

Alder Santiago asked Maurine Villiani, Tax Collector, to come forward, which she did.

A discussion was made as to the judgment on the taxes and Ms. Carrington's bankruptcy

status. The committee decided to pass over this request until Ms. Carrington provided further status of the City's claim in the bankruptcy court.

9. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF BENJAMINE JANEY ON HIS MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 602414 AND 620372.

Alder Santiago asked if there was anyone for this item. No one came forward, so the item was passed over.

10. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF VERLINE WOODHOUSE ON HER MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 535367, 554972, AND 403024.

Ms. Woodhouse came before the committee. She spoke about her request and that she needed help because she needed a new furnace for her home and LCI couldn't help with the taxes due.

The committee had a discussion and determined that Ms. Woodhouse's request needed to be put in for a Unanimous Consent item at the next Board of Alders meeting.

No further questions were asked.

11. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF KATHERINE BONNELL ON HER MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 590242 AND 55345.

Alder Santiago asked if there was anyone for this item. No one came forward, so the item was passed over. Donald Hayden, committee staff, informed the committee that this was the second meeting Ms. Bonnell had not attended.

12. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF TOLGA KAYA ON HIS MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER 763852.

Mrs. Kaya came before the committee and spoke on the request. She explained that they had moved back to Connecticut and her husband was teaching college.

No questions were asked.

13. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF TINA HARRISON ON HER MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 507581, 618240, 526102, AND 543486.

Alder Santiago asked if there was anyone for this item. No one came forward, so the item was passed over.

14. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF LACOLE FLOYD ON HER MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBERS 712975 AND 728805.

Ms. Floyd came forward to explain her request. She asked for help with the interest only on the old accounts.

No questions were asked

15. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF ANTHONY ALVARADO ON HIS MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER 653990.

Mr. Alvarado came before the committee and explained his request for help with the

interest only. He asked the committee if they would expedite the judgement because he wanted to pay his past due taxes.

No questions were asked

16. ORDER CONCERNING REAL PROPERTY TAXES OF JUSTIN WENTWORTH ON HIS MOTOR VEHICLE TAX ACCOUNT NUMBER 312842

Alder Santiago asked if there was anyone for this item. No one came forward,

Alder Santiago told the committee that items 17 and 18 were for committee action only so they would be talked about during deliberations. so the item was passed over.

Alder Santiago asked if there was anyone from the public wishing to testify. No one came forward.

At 7:09 PM, on a motion by DeCola, seconded by Winters was made to close the public portion of the meeting. The motion was unanimously approved.

Committee Action:

1. Alder Winters, seconded by DeCola, made a motion to move item 17 to approve the tax abatement request from Mrs. Consiglio. Adler DeCola told the committee that she had gotten a tax abatement before and still met the requirements. The committee voted, by voice vote, to approve the motion.
2. Alder DeCola, seconded by Douglass made a motion to move item 18 concerning the vehicle taxes owed by Mr. Rayas. Alder Santiago told the committee that Mr. Rayas was willing to pay \$700, which was the taxes and part of the past interest. The committee voted, by voice vote, to approve the motion.
3. Alder DeCola, seconded by Antunes, made a motion to move item 1 and forgive the tax and interest owed by Saint Mary's Unison Baptist Church and to refund taxes already paid, less the legal cost that the City incurred. The committee voted, by voice vote, to approve the motion.
4. Alder DeCola, seconded by Douglass, to move item 2 to approve the tax abatement for Mr. & Mrs. Shariff. The committee voted by voice vote to approve this motion.
5. Alder DeCola seconded by Douglass, made a motion to grant item 3, City Lights Auto Sales and item 11 Catherine Bonnell, Leave to Withdraw. The committee voted, by voice vote, to approve this motion.
6. Alder DeCola, seconded by Douglass, made a motion to move item 6, and to forgive the interest owed by Ms. Rodriguez. The committee voted, by voice vote, to approve the motion.
7. Alder DeCola, seconded by Douglass, made a motion to move item 7, and to reduce the taxes and interest owed by Mr. Jones to \$2,000. The committee voted, by voice vote, to approve the motion.
8. Alder DeCola, seconded by Douglass, made a motion to move item 10 and forgive the tax and interest owed by Mrs. Woodhouse and to have it as a Unanimous Consent item at the next Board of Alders meeting. The committee voted, by voice vote, to approve the motion.
9. Alder DeCola, seconded by Antunes, to move item 12 to give the request from Mr. Kaya Leave to withdraw because they felt that they could afford the taxes. The committee voted, by voice vote, to approve the motion.
10. Alder DeCola, seconded by Douglass, made a motion to move item 14 and forgive the interest owed by Ms. Floyd. The committee voted, by voice vote, to approve the motion.
11. Alder DeCola, seconded by Winters, made a motion to move item 15 and forgive the

interest owed by Mr. Alvarado and to have it as a Unanimous Consent item at the next Board of Alders meeting. The committee voted, by voice vote, to approve the motion. 12. Alder DeCola, seconded by Winters, made a motion to move item 16 from Mr. Wentworth and give it Leave to. The committee voted, by voice vote, to approve the motion.

At 7:25 PM, on a motion by DeCola, seconded by Antunes, to close the meeting. The committee voted to close the meeting.

The meeting was recorded. The recording is filed and may be inspected at Legislative Services.

Respectfully submitted,

*Donald A. Hayden
Fiscal Analyst*